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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
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For: Siding System Component For Receiving
A Utility Related Structure And Related
Method

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Response

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Letter, Paper No. 2, dated March 28, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

4. (Amended) The component according to claim 1, wherein said body comprises one or more fastener receiving apertures provided in said body, whereby a non-integral fastener is optionally placed through one of said fastener receiving apertures for assisting in supporting the body adjacent to the wall.